

# Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Michigan Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Action Team Meeting Minutes October 7, 2015 9:30 AM MDOT Horatio Earle Learning Center

Attendance	
Name	Agency
Terry Adams	Adam's Towing
Charles Black	Michigan State Police
Karen Chadwick	Grand Rapids Police Department/APCO
Kim Cole	Mason County Sheriff
Jamie Dolan	Michigan State Police-Office of Highway Safety Planning
James Flegel	Michigan State Police
Angie Kremer	Michigan Department of Transportation - Operations
Stephen LaBrecque	Grand Rapids Police Department
Kim Lariviere	Michigan Department of Transportation - Traffic & Safety
Lisa Marsh-McCarty	Michigan Department of Transportation – Southwest Region
Dawn Miller	Michigan Department of Transportation - Operations
Lyn Nelson	Marquette Alger Co EMS Med Control Authority, MGH Police & Fire
Tom Schmiedeknecht	Pro Med
Craig Shackleford	Retired - Bloomfield Township Police Department

# Agenda Item: EMS Perspective – Lyn Nelson

#### **Discussion:**

- Presented concerns for EMS response to incidents in the Upper Peninsula:
  - ✓ Creative use of resources such as having responder near to incident re-route traffic.
  - ✓ Severe snowstorms impact EMS response ability.
  - ✓ Innovative use of equipment such as snowmobiles and snowshoes to access incidents.
  - ✓ Pavement rumble strips are highly valued in low visibility weather conditions for keeping traffic on roadway.
  - ✓ Mi-TIME responder training needs adaptation for more rural environments such as training responders in maintaining traffic in 1 lane stop and go.
  - ✓ Limited resources and long distances to trauma centers impact successful outcomes to incidents.
  - ✓ Limited cell phone service available makes difficulty accessing EMS.
  - ✓ Promote recruitment of first responders to attend Mi-TIME trainings such as calling agencies, contacting peers, reaching out to responders attending other trainings.
  - ✓ Practicing with other agencies benefits EMS response.

#### Action:

Lyn Nelson will send link to Angie Kremer for State Rural EMS Summit to be held in February 2016.

Agenda Item: TIM Action Plan 2013-2016

#### Discussion:

- Needed: photos showing best practices in Traffic Incident Management.
- Promote and educate the use of high-visibility apparel for first responders:
  - ✓ Surveys are out and collecting policies to create toolbox. Lyn Nelson starting to obtain Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for EMS wearing high-visibility apparel. Law enforcement has not provided SOP. Surveys can be sent to Angie Kremer.
- Coordinate traffic incident response between all responders:
  - ✓ Implemented plan for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) SHRP 2 TIM TtT Program/Mi-TIME: 4 Train-the-Trainer sessions to date (most recent was held August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in Lansing training 29 new instructors); 158 total instructors trained; Michigan is one of the few states to give training kits to trainers.
  - ✓ Still accepting applications for new instructors. Need more trainers from all disciplines in Upper and Northern Lower Peninsulas and more trainers from the fire discipline in Southwestern Michigan.
  - ✓ Interactive map for instructors showing statewide distribution by discipline being developed.
  - ✓ Over 2,325 first responders now trained; exceeded goal of 1,500 trained first responders by end of 2016.
  - ✓ New SMART goal having 6,500 first responders (20% of all responders in Michigan) trained by end of 2016.
  - ✓ Mi-TIME program if getting funded by MDOT due to FHWA stepping back on support of Train the Trainer sessions.
  - ✓ First responders can request training on Mi-TIME website.
  - ✓ Accreditations for TIM training have been endorsed by Fire (FFTC), MCOLES (Law Enforcement), Professional Engineers and EMS. No accreditations available for towers.

#### Action:

<u>Team</u>: 1) Submit TIM photos, SOP's and surveys to Angie Kremer. 2) Updates on TIM Action Plan activities to be reported at next meeting December 9, 2015. 3) Promote Mi-TIME responder training to first responder community.

<u>Angie Kremer</u>: 1) Send out training numbers and charts for team use. 2) Confirm Mi-TIME training request operations on website.

<u>Lyn Nelson</u>: 1) Continue to work with Michigan Municipal League (MML), Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA), and Michigan Townships Association (MTA) to obtain SOP's for EMS wearing high-visibility apparel. 2) Send test run requesting Mi-TIME training to Angie Kremer. 3) Promote more Mi-TIME trainings once Angie Kremer has verified website request operations.

# Agenda Item: 2016 Traffic Safety Summit

## Discussion:

- Breakout topic submitted: Major Winter Traffic Incident Management Impacts
  - ✓ Suggested panel composed of Lyn Nelson (Marquette Alger Co EMS Med Control Authority, MGH Police & Fire), Aaron Johnson (Manager, MDOT Ishpeming Transportation Service Center), Alger County Road Commission staff, and Alger County Sheriff staff.
  - ✓ Detouring traffic when multiple routes are closed simultaneously for the same incident.
  - ✓ Target various disciplines and identify different types of impacts resulting from incident.
  - ✓ Drills to practice next steps as incident causes closure of successive parts.
  - ✓ Beneficial to tie in weather related impacts.
  - ✓ Discuss global impacts for 2 types of events: Winter "stranded in place" and Evacuation.
  - ✓ Highlight how road closures go out and consequences of closure to community.
  - ✓ Does law enforcement understand the impact of such a closure to various agencies (e.g. EMS access to hospitals)?
  - ✓ Evacuation procedures for large planned events.
- EMS has submitted several topics for Traffic Safety Summit.
- General session topic submitted: National Traffic Incident Management Perspective with Major Tom Melville (retired Indiana State Police) and Captain Tom Martin (retired Virginia State Police).

#### Action:

Angie Kremer will work with Lyn Nelson to develop global impacts idea.

#### Agenda Item: 2016 TIM Action Team Meeting Schedule

#### Discussion:

- Maintain existing 2016 meeting schedule: February 3, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5 and December 7, all meeting times are from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.
- Travel the meeting location of the TIM Action Team to grow the team. Possible location for October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in Gaylord or Traverse City to coordinate with EMS conference in area.

#### Action:

<u>Team</u>: Bring speaker suggestions for future TIM Action Team meetings.

<u>Angie Kremer</u>: Include announcement in Mi-TIME newsletter inviting Mi-TIME instructors to join TIM Action Team.

# Agenda Item: December 9, 2015 TIM Action Team Meeting Presentation

## Discussion:

- Environmental HAZMAT Cleanup:
  - ✓ Lyn Nelson would like to include Wisconsin resources.
  - ✓ Suggested perspectives are both urban and rural fire personnel and an environmental cleanup company.

## Action:

Angie Kremer will find a cleanup company that has broad statewide coverage.

# Agenda Item: Pedestrian Freeway Safety Video

## **Discussion:**

 Released in October: Safety video created by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Michigan State Police (MSP) explaining perils of pedestrians on freeways and safety recommendations.

Action: N/A

#### **Future Meeting Date**

Next meeting at MDOT Horatio Earle Learning Center on December 9, 2015 from 9:30-11:30 AM. NOTE: The date has been changed from the previously scheduled date of December 2, 2015.